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The Panther erred in the article, "Special guest at Gospel Fest uses testimony, songs to inspire students." Sylvania Omokaro was the author.

## Panthers show no mercy against Mississippi Devils

By Shamaria' Knowles  
Sports Editor

In front of a sold out crowd the Prairie View A&M Panthers ended homecoming on a high note, by showing that the Devils would not hold them back, and beating Mississippi Valley 51-14.

It was a perfect day for football, sun shining, temperatures in the low 60s, and screaming fans packed in Blackshear Stadium.

Homecoming 2013 was almost over but fans watched as the Panthers manhandled the Devils on the field.

One of the few highlights the Devils had was forcing a fumble from Panthers quarterback Jerry Lovelocke on the opening drive of the game.

The Devils were forced to give the ball right back to the Panthers and the scoring began. Lovelocke connected with wide receiver Deandre Cooper for a five-yard touchdown pass.

After a successful kick from kicker Chris Barrick, the Panthers quickly raced out to a lead they would not relinquish. At the beginning of the second quarter the Devils tied up the score up with a run from Patrick Durr. This is the closest the Devils would ever be to the Panthers.

The Panthers scored 37 unanswered points following a quarterback change. Junior Quarterback De'Auntre Smiley kicked off the scoring from eight yards out putting the Panthers up 14-7.

Smiley said coach called a play just for him to get the defense guessing; "Coach called a run play designed for me and I just followed my blocks to execute the one play, and it worked and resulted in a touchdown."

Literally 17 seconds later line-backer Jerome "40" Howard intercepted Devils quarterback Jeremy Collins and returned it 23-yards, pushing the lead to 21-7.

A few drives later defensive back Korey Alston made Collins fumble, and was recovered by Kenneth Maxwell at the Panthers 42-yard line.

Howard said the defense was not letting up this game. "This week we implemented tackling and that's how we



lost our close games. We realized if we can tackle we could play with anyone." Smiley wasted no time converting on the turnover by rushing 22 yards. He then found a wide-open Cooper for his second touchdown of the day, and made the score 28-7 at halftime.

The halftime featured several people getting recognized such as the new athletic director Ashley Robinson. Also, the royal court was presented to the crowd.

The famous Marching Storm and Black Foxes had a 13-minute show that included the band playing several selections such as "Get Lucky" and "What You Won't Do For Love." The alumni Foxes danced to "Rhythm Is Gonna Get You" and the new Foxes danced to "Take Back The Night."

Third quarter kicked off with an interception being thrown by Smiley, but the Devils could not capitalize. Pinned deep down inside their own side of the field, a bobbled snap caused a safety putting the Panthers up 30-7.

On the following drive, Smiley found freshman Nick Pitre for a 20-yard touchdown, giving the Panthers a 30-point lead. Pitre recently burned his redshirt after the team found out senior Robert Primes would be gone for the rest of the season due to a torn ACL.

When asked about burning his red-

shirt, Pitre said it was an exciting moment. "Coming off burning my redshirt was a fun moment. The decision was hard but I was

willing to do anything for my team in order to get us to the SWAC Championship," he said.

To end the third quarter, Smiley completed an 11-yard touchdown pass to Cooper, giving him his third touchdown of the day and stretching the lead to 44-7.

The Devils had a spark on offense in the fourth quarter, scoring a touchdown from one yard out by quarterback Patrick Ivy to make the score 44-14.

To round out the scoring for the day, running back Levon Castillo broke a tackle and rushed into the end zone, giving the Panthers the prolific score of 51-14.

Lovelocke and Smiley combined for a total of 319 passing yards and four touchdowns. Cooper led the way with nine receptions for 96 yards.

The Panthers will travel to Shreveport, La., for the annual Shreveport Classic. They will take on Jackson State University in a pivotal cross-divisional matchup Saturday at 4 p.m.

Head coach Heishma Northern said going into the Shreveport Classic, the mindset of the team is strictly to win. "If we play good Prairie View football we can beat anybody...we want to win one for Prairie View A&M University."



Photos courtesy of James Salome

## Homecoming concert show does not disappoint, numbers do



Photos by Taylor Coleman, The Panther

By Anthony Smith  
Media Editor

Jordan Michael Houston, better known by his stage name Juicy J, performed live as the main event Oct. 19 at Willy J. Nicks Sports Complex, during homecoming along with Shanell and Elle Varner.

The concert started off with Shanell, a representative from Young Money, who used her own band to awake the crowd.

Not only did she rock the house with her vocals, but also with her exotic dancing.

She was followed by Elle Varner, who intoxicated her admirers with not only her beauty but her stage presence as well.

As the crowd engaged her with enthusiasm, she performed her hit song "Refill" and left the arena energized.

Even though the stadium was empty, the show still was a success as spectators witnessed history.

Tiffany Ross, senior double major in computer and electrical engineering, said, "I really enjoyed it. I didn't care too much for Juicy J, but I thought Elle Varner was amazing.

I've always been a fan of hers. I enjoyed it when she performed Refill and her new material."

Nierra Griffie, sophomore architect major, said, "It wasn't what I expected, the house was empty. I never cared for Elle Varner, but her live performance of Refill changed my opinion of her as an artist. I expected Juicy J to energize the crowd more, but Elle Varner was my favorite performance of the night."

Finally as the main personality Juicy J, took the stage, he pumped up the crowd, rapping songs from his newest album "Stay Trippy" such as Bounce It and Bandz Maker her Dance.

Hitting the crowd with old flashbacks from 3 Six Mafia, it was clear that the best was saved for last.

Interacting with fans not only on stage but off stage made the experience a once in a lifetime for students at Prairie View A&M University.

Meah Madbox said, "I didn't go because I'm not a Juicy J fan. The concert doesn't flow the way I want it to go. There are long pauses between acts and other homecoming events are going on during this time."

But wrong or right fans still attended to watch their favorite performers. Some in the audience twerked, cheered, and chanted lyrics.







By Andre Williams, The Panther

The Alphas won the judges over with their precision and synchronized steps. The step show was held in the Baby Dome on Friday, Oct. 19.

# Alphas rock homecoming step show

By Jhane O'Guinn  
Panther Staff

The annual Greek homecoming step show took place in the Baby Dome on Friday.

The Greeks were able to represent their organizations and compete through step routines they made up.

There was very minimal participation this year with only six organizations competing. However, it was still a great show with very creative skits involved. AT&T even participated in the step show where by giving \$1,000 to the fans choice, which could be texted to a number to be tallied for votes.

In the Certified Student Organizations (CSO) part of the competition there were two competing organizations, Kappa Kappa Psi and Phi Mu Alpha otherwise known as Sinfonia. Both music oriented organizations had very rhythmic step and didn't miss a beat.

Kappa Kappa Psi did a step routine with a theme based off the Eddie Murphy comedy, Coming to America, where they acted out the opening dance number, and to incorporate Prairie View A&M cur-

rent events.

Phi Mu Alpha followed with their theme of Eastside High School from Morgan Freeman's classic film Lean on Me. Their performance ended with their signature Too Smooth stroll that got the crowd raving. Although Kappa Kappa Psi came out on top with first place in the CSO competition, Phi Mu Alpha proved to be good competition.

In the Pan-Hellenic competition there were three competitors for the fraternities including: Omega Psi Phi Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Inc., and in the sorority division the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Inc. competed alone.

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Inc. of the Texas A&M University chapter were the first to participate. Their routine was themed after ninjas, their performance was short of perfect with many mishaps in their performances but they still was able to pull out the fans choice award winning the prize money.

Next were the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Inc., who gave a performance themed off the movie the Transformers, where they truly transformed the crowd with their very precise steps and stepping patterns, as defending champions they definitely had something to prove to

their just recently back on the yard counter parts, Alpha Phi Alpha Inc.

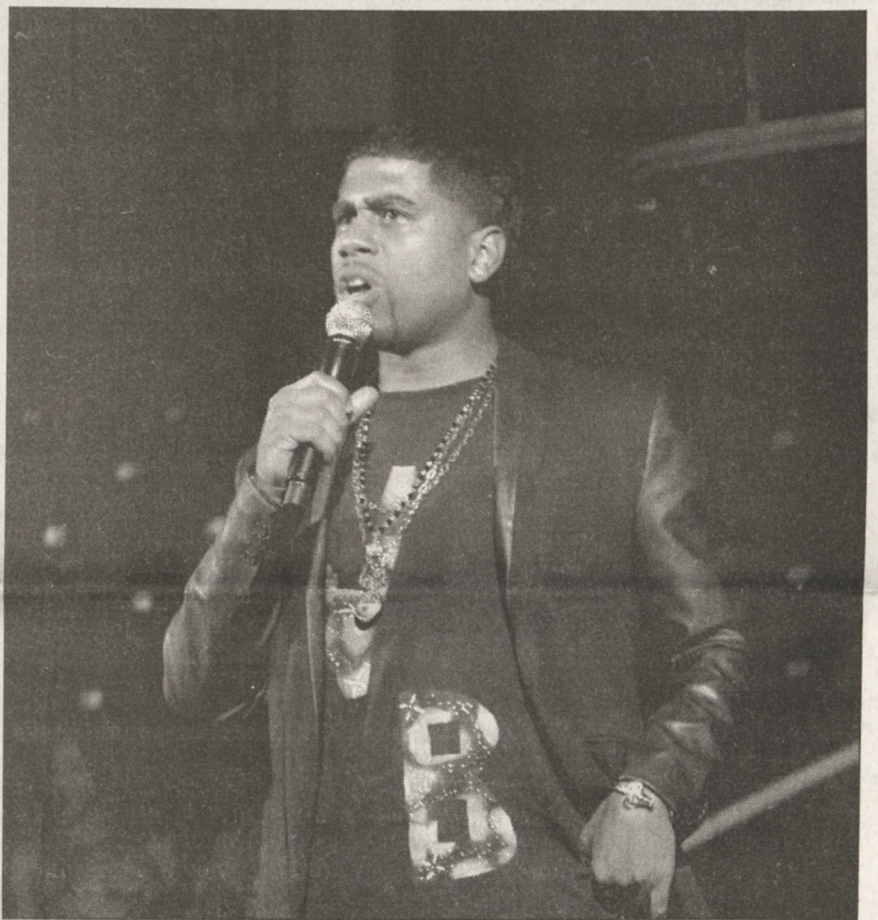
They were followed by the Alphas, who played police officers in their accompanying skit. They truly saved the day for their fraternity by winning first in the step show since it was their first year returning on the yard.

The Alphas exploded on the stage in dance and triumph when they were announced as the winners.

Junior computer science major Clifford Perelion said, "I was not surprised when Alpha Phi Alpha won the competition. They out of all, felt like the makings of a real step group. They stomped in style and in sync, their group leader belled out with a thunderous roar, and best of all they flowed into their varying routines almost as if they were one."

Lastly the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Inc. gave a performance themed after jail birds telling their tales of past lovers who they have murdered, who were all represented by the divine nine fraternities.

They concluded the show very well, and by default were the winners of the trophy in the divine nine sorority competition.



By Andre Williams, The Panther

Billy Sorrels, host of the step show, brought the crowd to its knees with his comedy routine.

## FAMU blames drum major for his own death

By Karl Etters  
Black College Wire

Florida A&M University has said that drum major Robert Champion was responsible for what happened to him on Bus C on the November night when he was hazed and eventually died.

According to a filing Monday in the Orange County Circuit Court by Richard Mitchell, who was hired to represent FAMU in the civil case, Champion, in his position as a leader, was aware of the dangers involved with hazing, yet "expressly assumed the risk of the hazing injuries that caused his death."

The documents also state that Champion's knowledge of hazing, and his witnessing of others being hazed that night, left the decision to participate as a personal choice.

"He realized and appreciated the possibility of injuries as a result of such danger, and not withstanding the opportunity to avoid the danger simply by not showing up at the designated place and time, he deliberately exposed himself to the danger," according to the filing.

The Champion family filed a wrongful death suit that Champion's parents, Robert and Pamela Champion, filed against it and Fabulous Coach Lines in July, claiming the university "negligently failed to have any policies or procedures gov-

erning, monitoring, or disciplining FAMU Band members for facilitation, participation or encouragement of hazing activities, or in the alternative."

In addition, Mitchell also claimed that the university is not responsible for the actions of students while not involved in university-sanctioned or sponsored events, and that the damages incurred "were caused by the active and intervening acts of persons not under FAMU's control."

According to prosecutors, Champion was killed following the Florida Classic in Orlando on Nov. 19, 2011, after he participated in a hazing incident called "crossing over," where he endured punches, kicks and violence from other band members as he tried to push his way to the back of a charter bus.

Champion willingly submitted to hazing after his duties as a FAMU student and member of the band were completed, investigators found.

Documents also place blame on bus company Fabulous Coach Lines, and driver Wendy Millette.

It states, "[Millette] granted access to more than 20 people and commenced standing guard at the door of Bus C."

According to testimony during the investigation of Champion's death, Millette allegedly not only stood guard at the entrance of the bus, but also came in contact with

Champion following his "crossing over" when he began vomiting, telling him "that he would be all right" before forcing him back onto the bus.

Millette's intervention and role in the events "cumulatively led to the fatal injuries suffered by [Mr. Champion]," according to the Champion family lawsuit.

As part of its response, the university has moved for dismissal of the charges based on the "overbroad" nature and "lack of foundation" in the case filed against it, citing Florida's sovereign immunity clause that protects public entities from frivolous lawsuits.

"Since Mr. Champion's lethal injuries arose from his participation in unlawful acts of hazing, Florida's sovereign immunity and forcible felony participation-defense statute absolutely bar the plaintiffs' claim against FAMU," read the documents.

Witnesses and statements from the investigation said Champion was a willing participant in hazing, either through planning, subjecting himself as a hazee or failing to report planned events barred by law.

His role in the committing of the crime, hazing, is also a defense point against the suit filed by the Champion family.

The Orange County State Attorney's Office indicted 12 individuals for their involvement in Champion's death.

## Alumni, students watch homecoming parade together

By Shalun Wells  
Panther Contributor

Fans and alumni filled the streets early Saturday morning, showing their school spirit as they witnessed the annual Homecoming parade.

The parade is one of the many traditional events held on campus to celebrate homecoming.

George Wright served as this year's Grand Marshal and also celebrated his 10th year as president of the university.

The Prairie View A&M Marching Storm opened the parade playing the traditional song "I'm So Glad I go to PVU" as the Black foxes marched along side of them.

The royal homecoming court graced the parade on a royal purple and gold float as the outer court rode in individual vehicles representing their organizations and clubs.

The PVAMU cheerleaders, Gold Members Club (GMC) and Baptist Student Movement Choir (BSM) were a couple of the campus organizations involved in this event.

Additionally, Prairie View's office of student affairs participated in the parade.

Students from South Oak Cliff and Jack Yates high school came to show their support, as their band, cheerleaders, and drill teams marched in the parade.

"The parade was interesting, exciting, and fun," said freshman nursing major Khadijah Roker.

Junior juvenile justice major Lacey Webb felt that the homecoming parade was a necessary event, and should be a more highly publicized part of homecoming.

"The homecoming parade is really nice. It is where you can show your school spirit if you do not get to show it often. I also, I like how the alumni are proud of their school," said Webb.

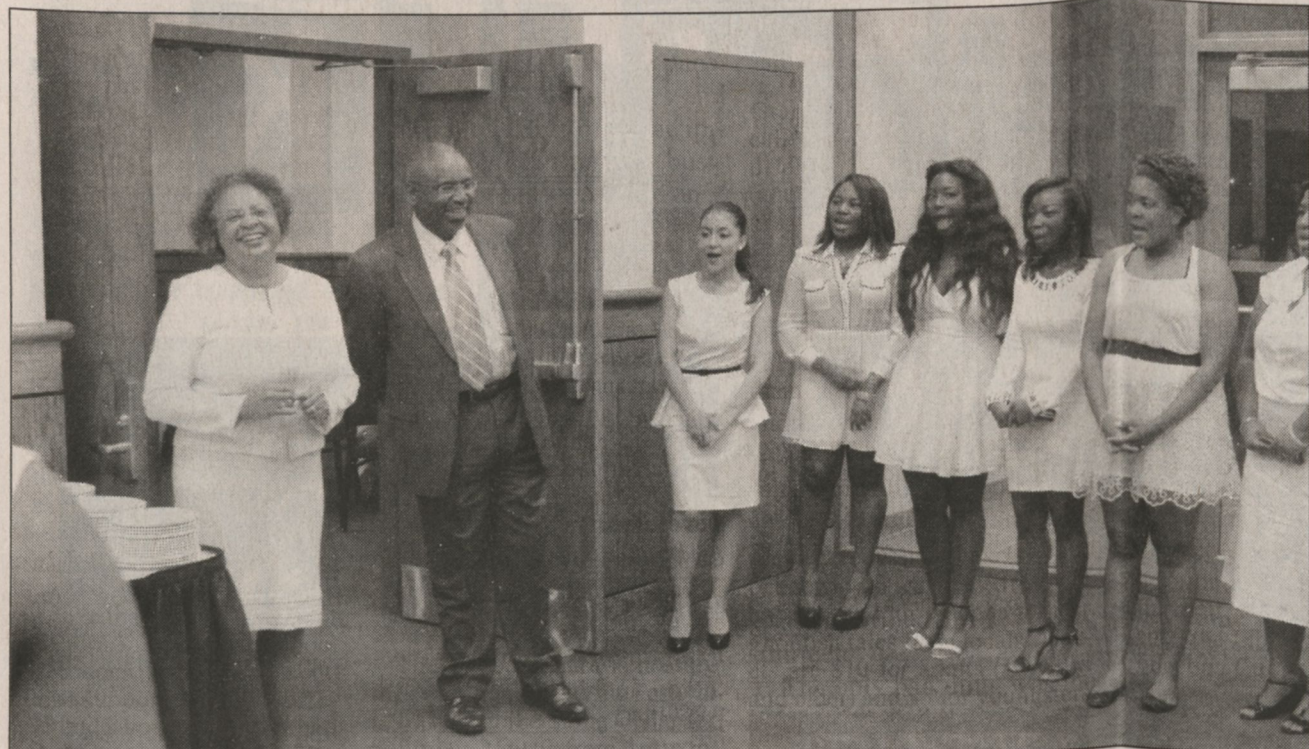
Students as well as alumni were thrilled to be on the hill to celebrate and show their school spirit for PVAMU homecoming.

Alumni Wilbert Shields, class of '62, was overwhelmed with excitement for homecoming.

"Homecoming is great. After 50 years, I am happy to be here and alive to take part in another homecoming," said Shields.



# First lady Wright speaks about president, challenges in life



By Andre Williams, The Panther

**Ms. Wright and her husband Dr. Wright answer more questions during the reception.**

By Dorothy Gordon  
Business Manager

The Purple Jackets, one of the all female organizations on campus, hosted the first "All White Affair" for Mrs. Valerie Wright on the behalf of Dr. George Wright's 10-year anniversary as president of the university.

This was also a celebration of Mrs. Wright's birthday. Women who attended the program were dressed in all white in the honor of the first lady. Dr. James Wilson, the

advisor of the PJs said, "White is one those ceremonial colors; it means purity, and this is a perfect way to celebrate her leadership and I am very excited to be here."

After the icebreaker, there was an inspirational dance that wowed the audience as the program kicked off.

Afterward, Ms. Brianna Clark, Miss Black and Gold, introduced the theme of the program "I am not my skin, but my mind within," in her introduction speech and ended her speech stating, "I am honored to know you Mrs. Wright."

Near the end Mrs. Wright was asked to give a speech and share

some inspiring words and encouragement to the audience. As the audience listened in silence, Mrs. Wright began her speech talking about her life story and the last 10 years of marriage with President Wright.

Mrs. Wright pursued her undergraduate degree in journalism at the University of Kentucky. She was an editor for the Texas Monthly magazine.

Mrs. Wright said that, "I have been working since I was 16 years old, and since the year 2000, I have been working from home." Mentioning her exciting traveling experiences that she's had with the

President in the past 10 years, she said, "I consider traveling a broadening experience."

She spoke about how she and Dr. Wright decided to get married during their undergraduate career and how their life has been since. Mrs. Wright said she faced many challenges in the last 10 years. She shared stories about her children, son and daughter, and also her mother and father who had a major impact in her life.

"One thing I try to do everyday is talk with my father, he is the one that set the example for the family," she added.

Mrs. Wright said that she was honored to be displayed in the "Women of a New Tribe" art exhibit in the library in representing the women of Prairie View A&M University.

As her speech continued, Mrs. Wright began to transition and talk about her marriage with Dr. Wright. She said, "There isn't a day that goes by that he doesn't make me feel special." She mentioned recent conversations that they had about retirement and what they want their legacy to be.

After Mrs. Wright ended

her speech, the Purple Jackets applauded her with joy and she decided to take questions. In concluding the ceremony, Dr. Wright was asked to give final remarks to the group of women.

First, he applauded his first lady for speaking and expressed how he enjoyed her speech. Dr Wright said, "You should really enjoy every aspect in life. I get paid to do what I like to do most, I love to read and hear students share what they would like to do most."

Dr. Wright lastly states, "I thank God everyday, to have the opportunity to serve as president."

Tanzie Judge, president of Purple Jackets, was very satisfied with the program and was very inspired by Mrs. Wright's speech. Judge said, "It's nice to see a couple that has done everything that I want to do and more."

She also said, "I liked the purpose of the event, I hope we can do it on a bigger scale and invite more women leaders around campus."

Immediately after the speeches, Judge, presented them with gifts on the behalf of the organization.

## Calif. sheriff's deputies shoot, kill 13-year-old

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Police in California say a 13-year-old boy who was killed by sheriff's deputies raised a pellet gun that looked like a high-powered rifle before sheriff's deputies opened fire.

Santa Rosa police said Wednesday that the deputies were on patrol Tuesday when they spotted the boy with the gun and repeatedly asked him to lower it. Instead, he raised it in their direction.

After shooting the teen, the Sonoma County deputies found that the gun was a replica that looked similar to a real AK-47 assault rifle.

The boy, Andy Lopez, is described as a popular eighth-grade student who played trumpet in his school band.

Andy was a very loved student, a very popular, very handsome young man, very smart and capable," Gannon said Wednesday.

"Our community has been rocked by his loss."

Even members of law enforcement expressed sympathy.

In a statement, Sheriff Steve Freitas said the shooting was a "tragedy" and that he would do everything he could to ensure the investigation was thorough and transparent.

"As a father of two boys about this age, I can't begin to imagine the grief this family is going through," he said.

Some residents of Santa Rosa, about 50 miles northwest of San Francisco, wonder whether the deputies acted appropriately when they decided to fire on such a young person.

"I'm sure you can tell he's a 13-year-old boy," Abrey Martin told KGO-TV. "He's not some maniac."

— Associated Press

## University plans for upcoming election

# VOTE

By Sonceri Jones  
Panther Contributor

The Nov. 5 election for statewide government officials will be held on campus of Prairie View for Waller County.

For many decades Prairie View students had to fight for the right to vote and a location that was accessible to everyone.

After many years of determination, the Student Government Association (SGA) along with Waller County officials came together with the hope of pulling off a successful voting day at Prairie View A&M University.

"As of right now depending on how many machines we have, the county prefers the second floor of the Memorial Student Center for

the voting area because it is not as congested. Also it ensures voter privacy," said SGA President Pricilla Barbour a senior political science major.

With voting coming to university campus, there will be a high demand for available parking for students and citizens in the community that day.

Right now the Memorial Student Center parking lot, and the parking lot located by the Athletic Office, are being looked at as the reserved parking locations for voters only.

In addition to designated parking there will also be curbside voting for those who are disabled. There will be less spots available for students who are commuters, or live off campus, because the law requires that there be reserved parking spots specifically for voters.

When election day ap-

proaches candidates and their representatives will pour into neighborhoods hoping to impress and influence citizens on how imperative it is they not only vote, but cast their names respectively on the ballot.

"Legally they have to be 100 feet away from the entrances," said Barbour.

Lastly, Barbour wants students to know that there will be a forum held to inform the student body on what they are voting for, and that it is vital that students have an Election Identification Card or EIC, Texas ID, passport, military ID, or any other form of identification or they will be not be able to enter the voting booths. If you need an EIC card you can receive one at your local DPS office.

To check if you have any eligible documents to vote please visit [voteTX.gov](http://voteTX.gov).

## Nissan recalls over 188,000 SUVs to fix brakes software



Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Nissan Motor Co. is recalling more than 188,000 Nissan and Infiniti SUVs worldwide to fix faulty brake control software that could increase the risk of a crash.

The recall covers some Nissan Pathfinders from the 2013 and 2014 model years, as well as the 2013 Infiniti JX35 and its successor model, the 2014 QX60.

Nissan says that during light braking on rough roads, the antilock brake software could cause longer-than-expected stopping distances. The company said no crashes or injuries have been reported.

Nissan will notify owners within 60 days, and dealers will reprogram the antilock brakes free of charge.

The recall includes nearly 152,000 SUVs in the U.S. and roughly 36,000 in China, Canada, Mexico and other countries, the company said.

The Pathfinders were built between April 18, 2012 and Sept. 20 of this year. The JX35s were built from Sept. 15, 2011 to Jan. 16 of this year, while the QX60s were built from Jan. 17 to Sept. 20 of this year.

Owners with questions can contact Nissan at (800) 647-7261.

— Associated Press

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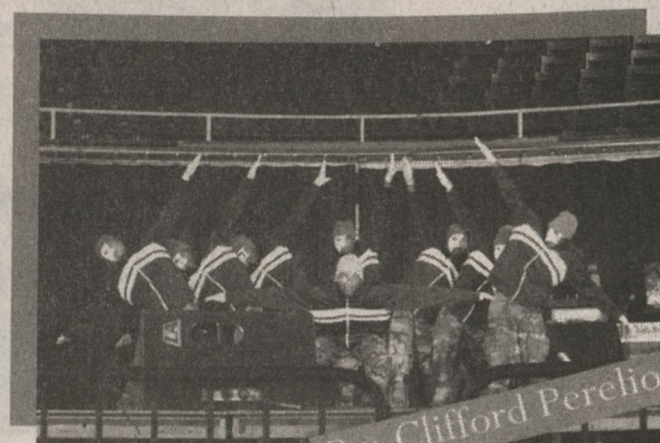
By: Andre' Williams

The Marching Storm performs for fans at the homecoming football game.



By: Andre' Williams

Representatives of Sodexo present a donation of \$2 million for the new football stadium.



By: Clifford Perelion

Members of Omega Psi Phi perform at the homecoming step show.



By: Kyna Boyd

Rapper Juicy J performs his music at the homecoming concert.



By: Kyna Boyd

Singer Shanell entertains the crowd with performances from her music.



By: Steven Bain

Students perform a mock funeral during the homecoming pep rally.



By: Steven Bain

Cheerleaders pump up the crowd at the homecoming pep rally.



By: Taylor Coleman

Singer Elle Varner puts on a performance with music from her album.



By: Taylor Coleman

Juicy J interacts with fans personally at the homecoming concert.



By: Andre' Williams

Mr. and Miss PVAMU greet the crowd at the homecoming football game.



By: Andre' Williams

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha perform for the audience at the homecoming step show.



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The Marching Storm performs for fans at the homecoming football game.

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# Grambling football takes a stand

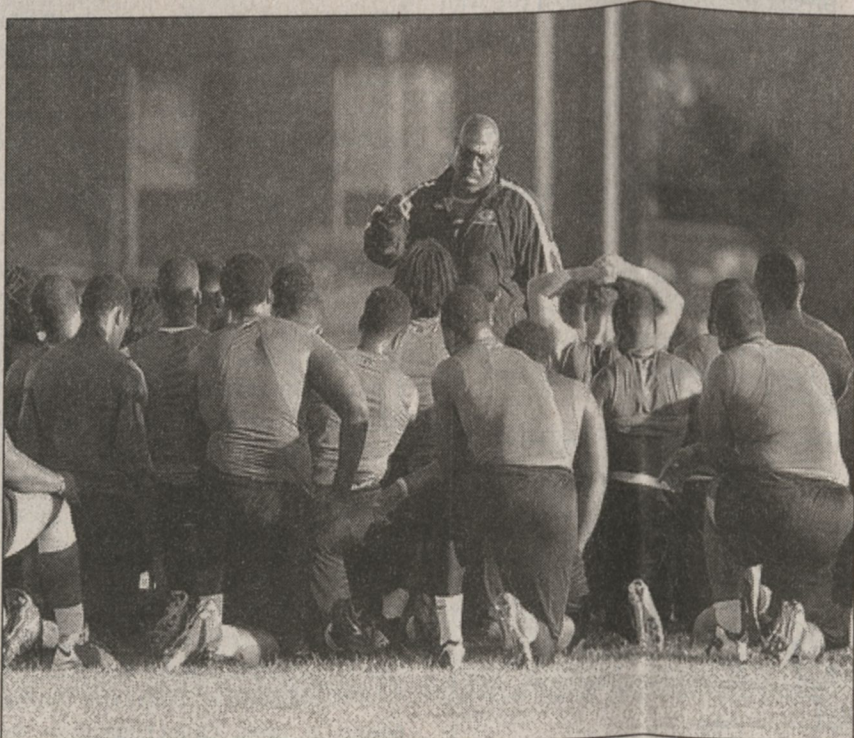
By Chappell Moore  
Panther Staff

Grambling State University may have just thrown the first blow in the fight for justice and fair treatment of student athletes all across the nation.

On Tuesday, Oct. 15 GSU football players met with administration to discuss condition with their athletic complex, equipment usage, travel arrangements, and overall funding for the department. Once the players' demands weren't heard and taken seriously GSU players' ultimately walked out causing the team to skip required practice and forfeit last Saturday's game with Jackson State University.

This all happening after head coach Doug Williams, former Grambling State University quarterback, was fired and interim head coach Dennis Winston was reassigned, which for many players was the last straw.

Grambling State University has experienced a severe decline in performance just two years after winning the SWAC (South West Atlantic Conference) championship. To be specific, the team has lost 12 of their last 18 games to NCAA opponents. However, many players felt that the firing of Williams was un-



Courtesy of Burlington Free Press

**One for all, all for one:** Grambling Players listen to Head-Coach after returning to practice from week long boycott.

just and rash and that the administration could have provided the players with resources to bounce back from their losing streak instead of responding to the situation the way they did.

The players even went so far as writing a letter to the administra-

tion describing the poor conditions in their athletic facilities, which for many players, were hazardous to their health. Players discussed mold and mildew on floors and faulty weights. The players even went so far as to

express their concern with the lack of Gatorade and Muscle Milk available to them. However, their claims fell on deaf ears, according to the players.

On Monday Oct. 21 the players announced that they would continue practice and opted to play Texas Southern University on Saturday, Oct. 26. The decision was prompted by a conversation the players had with former head coach Williams.

What does this mean for other GSU academic programs and HBCUs? Will PVAMU be next to boycott its administration? "I may not have the exact statistic, not just our athletic program but our academic programs are not being funded sufficiently," said Donnie Moreland, a junior sociology major.

"The truth is federal funding has decreased across the nation and with only 8 percent HBCU alumni giving back nationally, it is no secret that school like GSU, PVAMU, FAMU and the rest are struggle to survive," commented Moreland.

Now that GSU boycott is over will the players' continue to be on a losing strike or will these recent events help push the players toward much needed victories? All we can do is wait and see.



## EAST

Jackson State	6-0
Alabama State	5-1
Alcorn State	4-1
Alabama A&M	2-3
Mississippi Valley	1-4

## West

Southern	4-1
Prairie View	3-1
Texas Southern	1-5
Arkansas PB	0-5
Grambling State	0-5

## Sports Trivia

Who is the new head coach of the Lady Panthers Basketball team?

- A. Toyelle Wilson
- B. Sheleah Reed
- C. Dawn Brown
- D. Angela Williams

## Soccer sets record in 9-0 win over Alcorn State



Courtesy of John Posey

## Sports Information PVAMU

Prairie View A&M let off of the gas pedal late in the second period in a 9-0 win over Alcorn State on Sunday afternoon, and the Lady Panthers still set a school scoring record under coach Abe Garcia against a Division 1 opponent.

Prairie View A&M received scoring from all positions in the blowout victory. Senior midfielder Katherine Sheppard started the scoring spree off in the first period with a goal in the sixth minute off of an assist from defender Kamra Brown.

Brown later got into the action herself with a goal in the 49th minute to give the Lady Panthers a 7-0 lead. The Lady Panthers scored six goals in the first period.

Senior forward Angie Guillory scored two goals in the match. They came back-to-back in the 21st

and 31st minutes to give Prairie View A&M a 4-0 lead and give Guillory her fourth and fifth goals of the season.

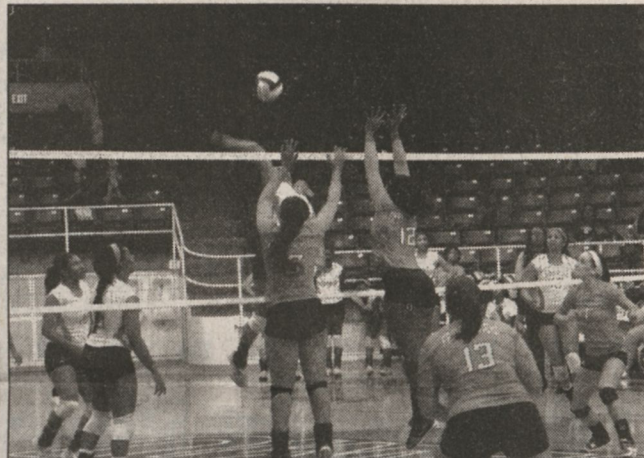
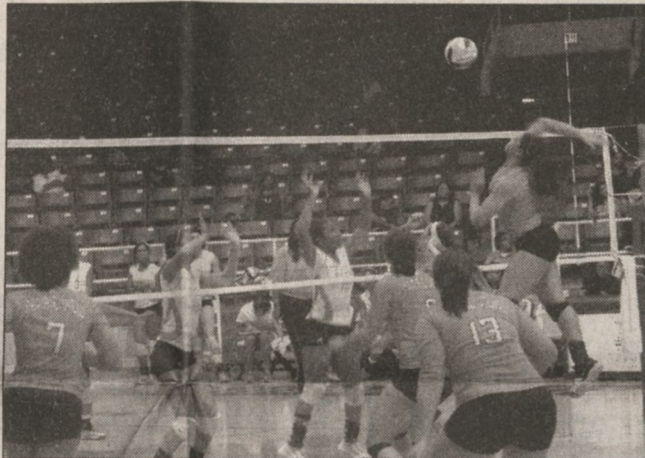
Five Lady Panthers players scored their first goals of the season in the record-setting win, including: Sheppard, Brown, junior defender Carly Detter, junior midfielder Ashley Virgil, and junior defender Nahuacalli Romo-Lara.

Sophomore forward Breanna Powell and senior midfielder Maria Sanchez contributed with their second goals of the season.

In the middle of it all was junior midfielder Shelby Moore, who tallied three assists in the match as the Lady Panthers knifed through the Alcorn State defense with ease. Goalkeeper Bianca Garza recorded her third-consecutive shutout and improved to 2-0-1 on the season as Prairie View A&M improved to 4-8-1 (1-1 SWAC).

The team has two Southwestern Athletic Conference Western Division games remaining, and they will host Arkansas-Pine Bluff followed by Grambling State on Oct. 25 and Oct. 27 respectively.

## Panthers tame Jaguars in close battle



By Andre' Williams, The Panther

## By Pierre Shephard Panther Staff

The Lady Panthers fought hard for a 3-1 win over Southern University as the team attack percentage hit a high of .206 with three players registering kills in the double digits.

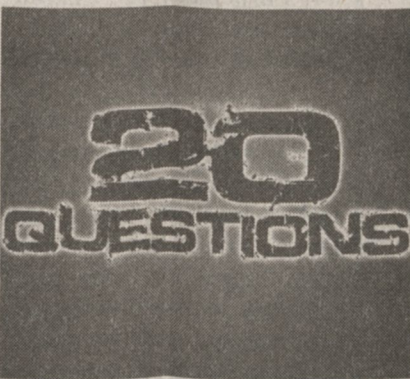
Senior middle blocker Janette Batista and junior outside hitter Charae Caldwell hustled offensively, combin-

ing for 21 kills. Batista put down 12 of those kills and made a huge impact defensively with four digs and three total blocks.

Freshman Lenicia Tyson turned the game into a career-high with 14 kills off a .400 attack percentage topped off with five digs. She finished with an almost identical game as junior outside hitter Candyce Alexander, who also registered 14 kills on a .400 attack percentage with eight digs. Both players accounted for 15.5 points for the Lady Panthers as they each put down

one solo block and a block assist.

Senior setter Kelsey Espinosa put things in motion and came through with a season-high of 48 assists to go along with five digs and three kills. Espinosa and Alexander have been in synch over the last five games and seem to thrive when the other person plays well. Alexander has averaged a career-best of 13.4 kills per match in her last five matches. This coincides with a season best average of 39 assists per match for Espinosa over a five-match span. Lady Panthers won With a 25-21, 25-15, 25-22, 25-15 win over southern.



- Who took a twat shot?
- Do you prefer panties on or panties off?
- Who threw up at the tent party?
- Was it because you saw the guy in the onsie?
- Was he planning on getting chose at the Omega pajama party?
- Can we have a party with no fights?
- Who was the boy laying down in the bushes?
- Who was the big guy that got tazed?
- Who walked to the Alpha party?
- Who left when they found out it was \$35 to get in?
- Who was the felon that was passed out in the back seat of a Lambda's car?
- Why did it take her so long to realize he was back there?
- Who was in the Exxon brawl?
- Which Zeta stabbed her ex-boyfriend 17 times?
- Does she want a dog and not a pup?
- Why were the Delta's doing the AKA stroll at the step show?
- Did they realize they choose the wrong letters?
- Who saw PV Pond Girl at Humpday?
- Is she back on the hill for good?
- What do you think?

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# The abominable illness: A fight for life

By Jazzi Black  
Lifestyle Editor

Many myths like "Breast cancer is contagious" or "Antiperspirants and deodorants cause cancer" float through communities worldwide as we fight the second leading cause of death in women next to heart disease, breast cancer. "Breast cancer is a disease in which malignant or cancerous cells form in the tissues of the breast," says

it as a "cauterization (burning) of the breast on the spot where the tumor was palpable."

Divided into two broad categories the Cancer Treatment Centers of America tell us about noninvasive or in situ, and invasive or infiltrating, that hold the umbrella for the various types of breast cancer. The earliest form of this awful disease is intraductal carcinoma also known as DCIS or ductal carcinoma in

breast then breaks through the wall of the duct and grows into the fatty tissue of the breast.

Invasive lobular carcinoma or ILC, starts in the milk-producing glands or lobules. It can metastasize or spread to other parts of the body as well. The difference between DCIS and invasive cancer is that the cells have not invaded through the walls of the ducts into the surrounding breast tissue. About 1 invasive breast cancer in 10 is an

familiar warning is a lump in the breast or underarm that emerges after a female's menstrual cycle.

These lumps are usually painless, although some may cause a prickly sensation. Web MD also explains that there is a swelling in the armpit, pain or tenderness in the breast, or a noticeable flattening or indentation on the breast. Any change in the size, contour, texture, or temperature of the breast could be a sign of breast cancer developing. A reddish, pitted surface like the skin of an orange could be a sign of advanced breast cancer, a change in the nipple, such as a nipple retraction, dimpling, itching, burning sensation, or scaly rash, and unusual discharge from the nipple that may be clear, bloody, or another color are all signals that should be highly observant.

Because there is breast tissue in men, cancerous cells can also be produced in them as well. Gynecomastia is the most common male breast disorder that is not a tumor but instead an "increase in the amount of a man's breast tissue" as said by the American Cancer Society. This illness is common among teenage boys because the balance of hormones in the body changes during adolescence, and in older men due to changes in their hormone balance as they grow older. Males may take a high risk consuming drugs used to treat ulcers and heartburn, high blood pressure, and heart failure that could possibly cause gynecomastia.

Although this critical condition deems hopeless, there are many treatment options to help reduce growth and spreading of the cancerous cells. Stanford medicine said that there are two primary surgeries which are a mastectomy, a breast removal, and lumpectomy, breast conservation. Therapeutic sessions such as radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormonal therapy,

and targeted therapies are all also ways to receive treatment throughout breast cancer.

It is estimated that more than 220,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer, and more than 40,000 of those women will lose their lives fighting this deadly battle. Death rates have been decreasing since about 1989, and even more during the new millennium in 2000 in women under the age of 50. Among ethnicities, African-American women are less likely to develop breast cancer than white women under the age of 45. Hispanic, Asians, and Native-Americans however have a much slightly lower risk of developing and dying from the disease according to BreastCancer.org.

Breast cancer awareness is a critical topic that has even become a worldwide-celebrated month in October for more than 25 years with the pink ribbon as its symbolism. The ribbon is used to represent awareness and support. The idea of the pink ribbon began to flourish when the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation handed out pink visors at the popular Race for the Cure running race in the late 1990s. There are over 1,200 organizations aggressively fighting and together they raise about \$1.7 billion annually for research, treatments, and therapy.

Show your support by raising awareness about this awful illness and join the fight to save a life. It doesn't end after the month of October; the fight for breast cancer won't end until every life is saved. For more information on breast cancer awareness visit [www.nbcam.org](http://www.nbcam.org) or [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). It is also wise to visit the local health center, and remember to keep up with your health; after all it's the foundation for our survival.

## How many women get breast cancer?

232,340  
new cases of  
invasive breast cancer

64,640  
new cases of  
carcinoma in situ  
of the breast

1 in 36  
the chance of dying  
from breast cancer

1 in 8  
the chance of a  
woman having  
invasive breast cancer

more than  
2.8 million  
breast cancer survivors  
in the U.S.

Information provided by  
American Cancer Society

By Andre' Williams, The Panther

National Breast Cancer Foundation Inc.

Breast cancer can be dated as far back as 1600 BC as being documented in Egyptian writings. The Women's Forum said that there was a paper called the Edwin Smith Papyrus that shows the earliest records of breast cancer by describing

situ. This means that cells that lined the ducts have changed to look like cancer cells. DCIS is considered a pre-cancer because some cases can go on to become invasive cancers. The invasive or infiltrating ductal carcinoma, the most common type of breast cancer, starts in a milk duct of the

ILC. Invasive lobular carcinoma may be harder to detect by a mammogram than invasive ductal carcinoma as said by the American Cancer Society.

When examining the female body, particularly the breast, there are ways to recognize symptoms. One of the first and

## \$ Young Money \$

Entry: **efficiency variance**  
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The difference between the theoretical amount of inputs required to produce a unit of output and the actual amount of inputs used. In manufacturing, efficiency variance can be used to analyze the effectiveness with respect to labor, materials, machine time and other production factors.

## Beware of alcoholism

By Donovan Martinez  
Panther Contributor

Alcohol consumption has been shown to be an ongoing problem when referring to college students

Excessive drinking is dangerous and in the long run can cause the body severe damage. Refraining from drinking or occasionally drinking is preferred.

Drinking is going to happen, but the real problem occurs when you abuse your limit.

Alcohol consumption affects your brain by causing blackouts, memory lapses, and kills brain cells necessary for our bodies to function properly. There are many risks such as birth defects for your children, liver problems, heart disease, injuries and even death that become possibilities just by pouring a drink.

Underage drinking is also an issue when referring to alcoholism. Not only is it illegal but it is also a problem because it is said that the body isn't fully developed until the age of 21. This means you can harm your body during its maturing phase and also underage drinking paves the way for problems with your lungs, brain and other critical areas.

Everyone has heard and some have even ignored the warning "don't drink and drive". Well here are

some reasons that this warning should be taken more seriously: Drinking reduces your energy level, makes your reaction time slower, and affects your vision. Meaning if a car swerves in front of you while you're intoxicated your reaction times is slower so it would be more difficult to get out the way. And who do you think will be blamed for the accident the man who accidentally swerved in the street or the drunk driver who was too intoxicated to get out the way?

Drinking sets people up for negative situations and may even lead to someone doing something they might regret. Drinking gives people false confidence and might lead to an individual being bolder but it also clouds your mind. A good way to stay sober is to offer to be the designated driver because if your friends value their lives they will make sure you don't drink but if they don't then you are probably hanging with the wrong people.

This is an issue that we need to address as a unit. By putting the bottle down you can be an example to others and encourage them to take a step away from alcoholism. The effects of drinking are real and although they might not hit now they will hit eventually so put down the drink before it's too late.

## Sneakerheads vs. Hypebeast

By Ashley Sinclair-Roberts  
Panther Contributor

The sneaker community is deteriorating rapidly by so-called "hypebeast." These hypebeast are classified as individuals who only wear "hyped up" or popular shoes just to say they have them.

Senior Communications major Joseph Polk said, "There is a status level that comes with purchasing shoes." Unfortunately, this status comes with liabilities regarding danger.

Long lines form outside during the holiday season, and most people would think that this is a sign of children preparing to tell Santa what they want for Christmas, yet instead the lines are stemming from the release of a new pair of sneakers.

Sneakers have become vital components of wardrobes, from entertainers who wear them while on promotional tours to fashionistas who love to get the latest pair as a showcase for their blog. There have been countless websites dedicated to the sneaker community, such as numerous Instagram and Facebook pages where people upload pictures of the sneakers. There are also contests dedicated to Instagram and Pinterest that people can pin their favorite designs, and the best board will receive a limited edition pair based of the number of likes. Many people also shop online retail sites like eBay, DrJays, and Flightclub LA to find special deals on retro sneakers, a thriving component of the sneaker community.

While there have been great features in the sneaker community as far as how technologically advanced some of the designs are, many companies have been perplexed by the amount of violence surrounding the release of the latest designs

There have been numerous incidents where



people are injured by stampeding buyers attempting to get the hot commodity sneakers. Extreme cases where people were held at gunpoint and many brawls have occurred over the collectible items.

Sneaker summits, conventions where tennis shoe collectors, traders, and buyers meet to conclude business have become very popular in the sneaker world. Many females have even outnumbered males in the last couple of years. While movie enthusiasts have their film festivals, and comic book fanatics have Comic-Con, the sneaker summit is a place where like-minded sneaker lovers can come together to discuss what's new.

By Andre' Williams, The Panther





# YOUR VOICE

Who would you say is your celebrity crush and why?



**Karen Atilano**  
Sophomore  
Architecture

"I really like Niall Horan. He can play the acoustic guitar and his eyes are dreamy!"



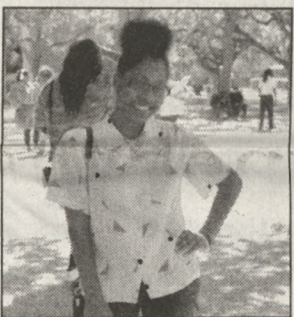
**Khalil Wilson**  
Junior  
Health and Human  
Performance

My celebrity crush would have to be Jada Pinkett because she is one of the most successful black women; very open and honest. Plus she supports her husband."



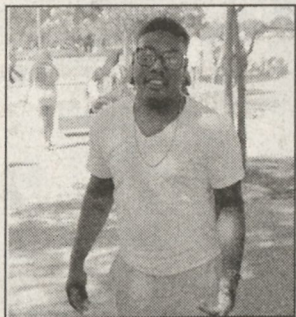
**Deejay Thompson**  
Junior  
Mass Communication

"I like Kelly Rowland! I got a thing for them brown girls!"



**Michaela Adams**  
Junior  
Accounting

"Trey Burke of the Utah Jazz, he's motivated. He doesn't let anything stop him out of all odds, plus he's fine and short!"



**Dre Johnson**  
Senior  
Criminal Justice

"Megan Good, she is so gorgeous. Oh man, oh my God, if I could just have her right now."



**Maria Trujillo**  
Junior  
Architecture

"Trey Songz! He's hot and I love his style!"



**Jaz Williams**  
Junior  
Education

"Nelly is so handsome. He has a nice body, and he has straight teeth."



**Bryia Bogan**  
Sophomore  
Psychology

"Michael Ealy is fine and has pretty eyes

## If you knew better, you'd do better

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "There is a time when silence becomes betrayal."

If you're reading this, I'm asking you to wake up and open your mouths!

I'm asking that all of us (myself included), truly examine some of the issues that are so rampant in our communities and our nation.

In this day and age, the country seems to be founded on capitalism. Basically, I'm saying that money is the motive.

I have seen many of my people fall victim to making the "Almighty Dollar."

In doing so, they forget what is really important.

These days, we leave behind the things that back in the day were key to our everyday lives.

I'm talking about faith in and service to God, making and nurturing healthy relationships, supporting and empowering one another.

But, we choose to value tangible things...things that can slip through our fingers at any moment.

Yet, we wonder why the things we have don't last and why people are so temporary these days?

As humans, we all NEED certain things to sustain us. Human contact is one of them.

But, because we have made other things more important, we will do anything to get it.

We'll even sacrifice our dignity, integrity, and respect just so that others will notice us.

We desire to be unique



**Amanda Leon**

so desperately that we will do anything to get that title. We try to impress others to give them something to talk about.

On one hand, we'll buy fancy cars, clothes and have a "dime" on our arms, but on the other we won't be taking care of priorities like putting food on the table or being able to take care of ourselves and our children.

I think this desire stems from when we were slaves. The belief that we are less than our oppressors was beaten and branded into our minds so deeply that it still remains with us today.

RJ Wright once said, "Competition doesn't breed community." I completely agree.

Our oppressors created competition and division between us by separating us into two categories: house n\*&^%s and the field n\*&^%s. This paved the way for hatred within us.

Now that we are so far removed from slavery days, we don't know where the hatred comes from. However, the effects of our past still affect us, because of the lack of the community, love of wealth, and strong desire for independence within self.

When will we wake up and realize that united we stand and divided we fall.

I think it's high time we build each other up! Let's hold each other accountable for our actions. Let's allow love back into the picture and stop allowing fear to drive us into the ground...it gets us nowhere.

As we all know, talk is cheap. Where is your walk? You mad? That's probably because you know I'm right. Don't take it out on me.... do something about it.

If my opinion means absolutely nothing to you, I hope that I have at least prompted you to start the conversation within your circle.

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